# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
EXPORT OF LEATHER PRODUCTS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any target has been fixed for the export of leather products during 2000-2001.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to boosts the export of leather products.

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a ) & (b) The export targets are generally fixed based on the previous year`s export performance, by analyzing the trend, export pattern etc. after the completion of financial year. Hence, the targets for the year 2000-2001 are yet to be fixed.
c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C ) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.138 FOR ANSWER ON 03-03-2000 REGARDING EXPORT OF LEATHER PRODUCTS.
The steps taken to boost the export of leather and leather products are as under:-
i)Ministry of Commerce is providing financial assistance under Market Development Assistance for undertaking market promotion efforts including sales-cum-study tour(s) abroad, participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad and publicity/advertisement abroad. Consistently focussed publicity and marketing in 5-6 major markets abroad has been stressed.
ii) To promote marketing, consortium approach is being supported and guidelines on the subject has been appropriately amended.
iii) Annual Advance Licensing Scheme has been introduced to facilitate the exporters in availing the duty exemption benefit to import the required inputs for their production.
iv) Although the import of second hand capital goods has been restricted in the revised policy announced in April, 1999, the Government has issued guidelines for expeditious issue of specific licenses to import second hand capital goods by industry including leather & leather products Industry.
v) Tannery Modernization Fund has been created to help upgradation of technology alongwith product development
vi) Machinery and equipment have been allowed to be imported at minimal duty of 5% with nil countervailing duty.
vii) Zero duty facility has been extended under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme for import of capital goods for leather & leather products industry.
viii) To provide competitive edge to Indian exports, the import duty on most of the essential inputs have been brought down to a uniform level of 20%.
ix) To make available embellishment at internationally competitive prices, the leather garments manufacturer-exporters have been extended the facility of duty free import to the extent of 2% of the previous year`s export performance.
x) To augment raw material availability for making various leather products, and to enhance capacities by attracting fresh investments, the setting up of Integrated tanning units has been permitted.
xi) CLRI has been asked to undertake study on upgradation of Testing facilities at various leather producing centres in India.